

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Pigeon River Country Forest Management Unit

2010 Year-of-Entry

Location: Pigeon River Country Headquarters

August 20, 2008

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the Inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at open house for the PRC Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees

John Pilon, FMFMD; Dayle Garlock, FMFMD; Laurel Marzolo, FMFMD; Donald Mittlestat, FMFMD; Richard McDonald, FMFMD; Michael Noffze, FMFMD; James Bielecki, FMFMD; Brian Mastenbrook, WLD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; Robin Pearson, FMFMD; Keith Kintigh, WLD; Jason Stephens, FMFMD; Darren Swan, PRCA Intern

Members of the public in attendance: Tim Flynn, Mackinaw Forest Council; Bob Jacobson, Michigan Resource Stewards; Dennis Williams, Potlatch Corp.; Arch Reeves; Joseph Jarecki

Comments from Stakeholders

The Open House was held at the Pigeon River Country Headquarters on July 29, 2008 – 15 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Comments were provided by:

- Tim Flynn, Mackinaw Forest Council – Sent documentation for compartments addressed below.
- Bob Jacobson, Michigan Conservation Foundation – Submitted a letter addressing forest management in river corridors. He states lack of management in river corridors will result in the disappearance of early successional types. He also sent documentation specific to compartments addressed below.
- Joseph Jarecki - Sent documentation for compartments addressed below.
- Arch Reeves, PRC Advisory Council – “On the PRCSF the 40 acre guide for clearcuts should be adhered to as much as possible and given as much weight in management as the percentage of age and types.”
- Tom Bairel, Diamondale, Michigan – “I am annoyed with abuse by oil & gas interests, motor vehicles, and horses. Would like to see more management for wildlife – especially grouse and woodcock. Do more cutting for wildlife – old growth is nice, and some should be preserved, but the pendulum has swung too far.”
- Vern Bishop, Onaway, Michigan – Wants to use horses in Green Timbers area.

- Jack Wilson, Afton, Michigan – “PRC has not made provisions for people who are handicapped or aged. Access is too restricted – want to use a small snowmobile to keep track of hounds.”

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the unit office.

Compartment 6 (Stand examiner – Rick McDonald)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Joseph Jarecki – Was concerned that stands 29 and 46 will convert to aspen and if so, record it in the stand comment field. Recommended the comment field for all stands being prescribed for harvest have a statement addressing species other than the management objective being acceptable. He was told that such documentation is being done.

Changes made at compartment review:

- All stands where regeneration harvests are prescribed – Specify species that are acceptable for regeneration.
- Stand 44 – Remove site condition factor.
- Stand 17 – Prescribe non-commercial treatment where one-third will be cut on a three year schedule.
- Stand 29 – There will not be a 300' buffer as the sale is already sold.
- Compartment Header – Add to comment: High Country Pathway runs through stands 89 and 90.

Compartment 15 (Stand examiner – Rick McDonald)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Arch Reeves recommended adherence to Concept of Management limit of 40 acres, but due to operability it was decided to cut all of stands. Splitting stands would have left a smaller portion with a relatively long haul and subject to intense browsing.
- Tim Flynn commented that too much early successional species in PRC. It was stated that it fit within the goals of the Concept of Management.
- Bob Jacobson inquired why hardwood stands don't have age recorded. It was explained hardwoods stands are multi-age.
- Joseph Jarecki – Stated Shingle Mill pathway should be added to the compartment map and the comment field in stand 67 should have a reminder to protect the pathway during timber sale operations.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 68 – Remove site condition factor.
- Compartment Header – Add to comment: – North spur, of Shore-to-Shore Trail, the Pine Grove State Forest Campground, and High Country Pathway are within or adjacent to compartment.
- Map - Add HCP and Pine Grove campground to map.
- Add Bird Tally Creek as per Natural River Plan to the map and the SCA database.

Compartment 20 (Stand examiner – Rick McDonald)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Joseph Jarecki – Noted that a spur of the High Country Pathway should be added to the compartment map.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Map – Add missing portion of High Country Pathway to map. Note High Country Pathway in compartment header.

Compartment 39 (Stand examiner – Don Mittlestat)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Joseph Jarecki – Concerned about the lack of older red and white pine on landscape. It was decided that prescriptions will stay (except for stand 56 where extra retention will be left) until further direction from the biodiversity plan still under development. Joe also stated that prescribed stands along the High Country Pathway should have a reminder in the comment field to protect the pathway during timber sale operations.
- Tim Flynn - Concerned about the lack of older red and white pine on landscape. Objects to all treatments in this compartment and recommends inclusion for it into the DNR's biodiversity plan, along with areas of adjacent compartment. It was stated that the biodiversity plan is still being developed.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Map – Recreation Specialist will follow up on proper symbols for High Country Pathway and Shore-to-Shore Trail.
- Map – Label Lloyd Lake (stand 82).
- Stand 90 – Prescribed as seed tree harvest and is typed as R9, not W8 as originally posted on web site.
- Stand 32 - Add to comment: Northern hardwoods, aspen, soft maple, birch and conifers are acceptable regeneration.
- Stand 54 – Split out steep slope portion (northeast part of stand) for no treatment.
- Stand 56 – Add to comment: Leave an island or two of retention in main part of the stand as well as the entire southern finger. Cut oak in main of the stand unless it's in the retention areas.
- Stand 32 – Add to comment: Apply retention south of trail and along trail.

Compartment 53 (Stand examiner – Don Mittlestat)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Joseph Jarecki – Stated that the comment field in stand 6 should indicate there is an on-going petroleum product spill remediation project in the east part of the stand. He pointed out several corrections to the compartment map which were noted.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stand 45 – No retention due to small stand size.
- Stand 72 – Add to comment: Expand treatment into stand 73.
- Map – Show old railroad grade as closed between stands 6 and 40.
- Map – Label for wolf road needs to be moved.
- Stand 6 - Add to comment: There is an on-going petroleum product spill remediation project in the east part of the stand.
- Map – Add roads to wells in stands 18, 54, 56, 402, 403, 405, 406, 407, 409, 410.

Compartment 54 (Stand examiner – Don Mittlestat)

Discussion of comments from individual outside parties:

- Tim Flynn – For stand 18, suggested retaining higher post-treatment basal area and a variable pattern of disturbance across the stand to mimic small scale pattern of disturbance in hardwoods. It was noted that areas on steep slopes would be retained from cutting.
- Joseph Jarecki – Suggested several notes, based on anecdotal recollection of the area, addressing various informational comments that should be added to the stand comment field.

Changes made at compartment review:

- Stands 57, 77 – Add site condition factor: Land survey needed. Survey will not be ordered until purchase is decided.
- Stand 16 – Change type to U7, with management object of U. Add to comment: Maintain semi-open character of savannah-like conditions.
- Stands 22, 23 – Change comment: Change stand 16 to stand 19
- Stand 403 – Add to comment: The autumn olive will be treated with herbicide or by mechanical means.
- Stands 60, 61 – Change stand condition to 8 - potential old growth. Add to comment: Part of the Green Timbers potential old growth area.

Red Pine Project – Phase II

- Tim Flynn - Red Pine Compartments 17, 33, 49 – Inquired how stands were chosen and how they fit within the Red Pine Project. He stated that it was hard to comment on isolated stands, without the guidance of a landscape view. It was explained that the stands were chosen on a proportional basis in each forest management unit to address the age class imbalance of red pine.

Compartment 17 – YOE 2002

- Stand 85 – Remove two southern legs of the stand from the harvest. Add to comment: Retain 3 or 4 red pine trees for every two acres.

Compartment 33 – YOE 2002

- Stand 69 – No changes.
- Stands 29, 31 – Add to comment: Retain small pockets of mature pine.

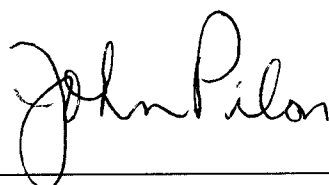
Compartment 49 – YOE 2003

- Stand 88 – Add to comment: Leave aspen around small L-types. Clearcut pine where there are pockets of aspen.

As the Compartment Review facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed upon.

John Pilon, Inventory and Planning Specialist

Signature:



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